

International Relief and Development Facts

- An estimated **136 million children** between the ages of seven to 18 have never been to school.
- Around the world, one person in seven has **no access to clean water** for drinking, cooking or washing.
- As many as 10,000 people have died monthly since the conflict began in Darfur, Sudan, mainly due to pervasive—**and preventable**—disease and hunger. The brutal ethnic conflict has driven over 2 million people into **homelessness**, their huts and villages pillaged, burned and destroyed.
- More than 30 million children in the world are **not immunized** against treatable or preventable diseases.
- On average, 62,000 people a year are killed by **natural disasters**.
- In Africa, 25 nations are in a state of **food emergency**, affecting millions of people across the continent.
- HIV/AIDS has created more than **14 million orphans**—92 percent of them live in Africa.
- More than **300,000 child soldiers** are exploited in armed conflicts in over 30 countries around the world.
- More than 38 million people around the world are infected by HIV/AIDS, **25 million in Africa alone**. Left untreated, AIDS leads to an early death for people in their most productive years that are needed to raise crops and families, teach school and care for the sick.
- Of all the people who get polio, 95 percent are **under the age of five**.
- Approximately 246 million children work, and 171 million of them work in **hazardous conditions**.
- Today, there are approximately 34 million **displaced people** in the world. Of these, 20.3 million are internally displaced within their countries and 13.7 million are refugees who have fled to other countries.

What Can King County Employee Giving Program Dollars Do?

By donating through your King County Employee Giving Program, you have the power to:

- Finance **small loans** so men and women may start their own businesses.
- **Vaccinate** millions of children under the age of five so they can thrive and lead productive lives.
- Build schools and **train teachers** so more children can learn to read and make better choices.
- Provide food, shelter and **clean water** to more than 8 million people.
- **Feed** more than 3 million starving families.
- Break the **cycle of poverty** with skills training and general business education.
- Train families how to farm their land, grow their own food and raise animals so they can **provide for themselves**.
- Help **rebuild** homes, villages and communities so displaced people can return to homes of their own.
- Give every child **access to an education** to help them avoid poverty when they grow up.